

PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of

Docket No: Q66059

Satoru HOSONO, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/942,764

Group Art Unit: 2853

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Examiner: Blaise L. MOUTTET

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For: INK JET RECORDING HEAD, METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME,
METHOD OF DRIVING THE SAME, AND INK JET RECORDING APPARATUS
INCORPORATING THE SAME

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants hereby notify the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after either a Final Office Action, Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application (whichever is earlier), but before payment of the Issue Fee, and therefore Applicants are submitting herewith a check for the fee of \$180.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p), and a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e). The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees.

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except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this paper is attached.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicants submit both English language abstracts of the cited references as well as translated explanations relating the respective paragraph numbers from each of the cited reference with the relevant claims.

Specifically, the Japanese Examiner asserts the following relations:

- JP 11-58729 relates to Claims 1, 4, 6, 8, 14-17, 23, 24, 27 and 33 with reference to Table 1, descriptions [0012], [0022], [0029], [0040], [0049]-[0053] and [0063];
- JP 2000-71440 relates to Claims 9-13, 19, 22, 26, 29, 31 and 32 with reference to descriptions [0024], [0029], [0042], [0043], [0048], and [0056], Figs. 9, 11 and 17;
- JP 5-16359 relates to Claims 2 and 3 with reference to description [0008] and Figs. 4-6;
- PCT WO 97/97852 relates to Claims 6, 7 and 26 with reference to descriptions, page 12, lines 11-16 and lines 24-26;
- JP 9-327908 relates to Claim 20 with reference to description [0052];
- JP 4-361046 relates to Claim 21 with reference to description [0014];
- JP 6-8428 relates to Claims 25 and 28 with reference to description [0014]; and
- JP 9-254412 relates to Claim 34 with reference to description regarding Claim 2.

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The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicants do not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)

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Sir:

The undersigned hereby states, upon information and belief:

That each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement filed concurrently herewith was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of said Information Disclosure Statement.

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